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SUBJECT: U.S.-IRAN ARID LAND SCIENCES WORKSHOP

FOR SCIENCE ATTACHE DR. VERNON ADLER FROM O.A. SHINAISHIN

REF: A) TEHRAN 4245 B) TEHRAN 5779 C) TEHRAN 6184

1. NSF IS CONSIDERING FORMAL PROPOSAL FROM UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA FOR SUBJECT WORKSHOP. COPIES OF PROPOSAL BEING AIRPOUCHED TO EMBASSY. PROPOSAL PLAN INCLUDES TIGHT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS INCLUDING A MEETING BETWEEN THE U.S. PROJECT CO-DIRECTOR AND THE IRANIAN PROJECT CO-DIRECTOR NO LATER THAN THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER TO WORKOUT TECHNICAL AND LOGISTICAL DETAILS IN PREPARATION FOR THE WORKSHOP WHICH IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR EARLY NOVEMBER. DELAY IN THE PRELIMINARY MEETING WOULD LEAD
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TO POSTPONEMENT OF THE WORKSHOP BEYOND NOVEMBER 1978.

2. IF AND WHEN AN AWARD IS MADE (TO BE DECIDED DURING JULY) ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR AND CONDUCT OF THE PROJECT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GRANTEE AS IS CUSTOMARY WITH ALL NSF GRANTS. THE U. ARIZONA PROJECT DIRECTOR WILL DEAL DIRECTLY WITH HIS COUNTERPART IN IRAN, THE DESIGNATED

IRANIAN CO-LEADER OF THE WORKSHOP. IT IS NECESSARY

THAT THE IRANIAN PROJECT CO-DIRECTOR BE NAMED ASAP AND THAT HE BE PREPARED TO DEVOTE THE NECESSARY TIME TO ASSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE WORKSHOP.

3. IT IS THE FUNCTION OF THE TWO CO-DIRECTORS TO MUTUALLY AGREE ON ISSUES SUCH AS DETAILS OF TOPICS, SCHEDULES OF MEETINGS, TIME AND LOCATION OF WORKSHOP AND SELECTION OF FIELD TRIP SITES. NSF CANNOT ASSUME THIS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GRANTEE. NSF IS ALSO CONCERNED THAT DUE TO HIS NUMEROUS OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES, DR. PARSA, DEPUTY MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION, HIMSELF MAY NOT HAVE ADEQUATE TIME FOR THE ROLE OF CO-DIRECTOR. IN ADDITION, NSF FEELS THAT IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR U. OF ARIZONA PROJECT CO-DIRECTOR TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH HIS COUNTERPART SCIENTIST AND NOT WITH GOI OFFICIALS.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM DR. PARSA OF ABOVE POINTS AND TO SEEK HIS AGREEMENT ON DESIGNATING THE IRANIAN CO-DIRECTOR AND ON DIRECT DEALING WITH THE GRANTEE ONCE NSF GRANT IS APPROVED.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO KEEP NSF INFORMED OF NEW DEVELOPMENT. VANCE

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